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Senate Bill _____
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House No. HJR0052
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Roger Perry and the 1994 Portland High School football team, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 3-A state runnerup.

WHEREAS, the much heralded 1994 Portland High School football team has demonstrated tremendous ability, fierce determination, an awesome offense and a stingy defense, en route to finishing runnerup in the tough competition of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 3-A playoffs; and

WHEREAS, during their memorable 9-1 regular season, Portland defeated Logan County, Kentucky 41-0; White House 21-14; DeKalb County 15-0; Clarksville Northwest 39-0; Macon County 42-0; Warren East from Kentucky 46-26; Springfield 19-14; Westmoreland 26-20 and Greenbrier 13-7; and

WHEREAS, in the playoffs, the Purple Panthers pounced on Page 55-14, Union City 47-21, Waverly 23-0 and Springfield 30-14 to reach the Clinic Bowl championship game; and

WHEREAS, they also won the coveted Region 5-AAA title; and

WHEREAS, their final season record of 13-2, an excellent winning percentage of .860, stands as a clear testament to the greatness of the team and their numerous accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Coach Roger Perry, the Tennessee Sports Writers 3-A Coach of the Year and the Region 5 3-A Coach of the Year, led his club to their first ever appearance in the Clinic Bowl and their most successful season; and

WHEREAS, his capable staff of assistant coaches consisted of William Barham, Mike Duncan, Chad Perry, Joey Venable and Gary Wright; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Sports Writers Association 3-A All-State Team members included: Matt Taylor and George Carroll; Associated Press All-State Honorable Mention team members included: Jason Jernigan, Chris Rippy, David Daughtry, Damon Jackson, George Carroll, Matt Taylor and Chad Hall; All-Midstate first team members were: Matt Taylor, George Carroll, Jason Jernigan, Shane Trotter, Jerry Hester, Greg Nokes, Damon Jackson, and Matt Taylor; the All-Region 5 3-A team members were: George Carroll, Player of the Year, Matt Taylor, Defensive Player of the Year, Jason Jernigan, Damon Jackson, Shane Trotter, Greg Nokes, Chris Rippy and David Daughtry; and

WHEREAS, All-County honors went to: Jason Jernigan, Matt Taylor, Chad Hall, Shane Trotter, Greg Nokes, Damon Jackson, David Daughtry and George Carroll; All-County Honorable Mention recognition went to Tim Hodges and Sam Thornton; and All-County Freshman team members included: K. R. Gentry, Tom Latimer, Josh Russell and Michael Creekmore; and

WHEREAS, the 1994 All-McDonald team included David Daughtry (September 2), Matt Taylor (September 9, December 3 and Clinic Bowl), Matt Batey (September 16), Greg Nokes (September 23), Shane Trotter (September 30), Jason Jernigan (October 7 and November 18), Chris Rippy (October 14), Brian Snook (October 21), Brian Martin (October 28), George Carroll (November 4), Damon Jackson (November 11) and Jerry Hester (November 25); and

WHEREAS, team honors went to: Jeff Cheyne (DARE Award), Stephen Russell (Scout Team Award), Chad Hall (Kicking Game Award), Brian Snook (Most Improved), David Daughtry (Scholar Athlete), Jason Jernigan (Most Valuable Player, Captain and Offensive Player of the Year), Greg Nokes and Jerry Hester (Offensive Linemen), Shane Trotter (Offensive Lineman),

Matt Taylor (Defensive Player of the Year and Panther Award, WQKR), Will Cheyne (Special Presentation) and Matt Batey, Jason Jernigan, Shane Trotter and George Carroll (Champion Panther Club); and

WHEREAS, all of the other members of the team played significant roles during this championship season: senior Jody Starks; juniors Matt York, Matt Curry, William Lamberth, Brian Schmidt, Jad Durbin, Michael McDonald and Richard Smith; sophomores Kyle Lane, William Adams, Brandon West, Jeremy Lovejoy, Michael Watkins, Greg Allen, Skipper Morgan and Tommy Wright and freshmen: Trey Perry, Brent Long, Louis West, Jay Meador, Bobby Lynch, Richie Chastain, Trent Napier, Jason Aulds, Adam Cole, Andy Payne, Eric Anderson, Brad McFarland and Jimmy Wix; and

WHEREAS, Principal Calvin Short, whose record and accomplishments as a football coach are legendary, was a strong advocate for the team; and

WHEREAS, the support crew was excellent. The Panther trainer was Rod Newman, the film crew members were Rusty Hutton and David Gurchieck and the managers were Will Blocker, Jerry Edwards and Trevor Wix; and

WHEREAS, the enthusiastic cheerleading squad, with their expert sponsor Janet Smith, included: Bobbie Jo Hester, Kelly Reddick, Mandy Evans, Kelly Lamberth, Jennifer Johnson, Emily Waldrop, Christie Banks, Beth Porter, Amy Waldrop, Jennifer Andrews, Tori Hunter and Kelly Legeiza; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to recognize this special team on their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Roger Perry and the 1994 Portland High School football team on winning the Region 5 3-A championship, finishing runnerup in the 3-A state playoffs and having an exemplary season. We wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.